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## 1. PERMDEL ANALYSIS OF SUBJECT MEETING FOLLOWS:

(A) DELEGATES OF SOME NON-ALIGNED MEMBER STATES (ALGERIA, TUNISIA, CUBA, SENEGAL AND ONE OR TWO OTHER AFRICAN STATES) CAUCUSED PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF SUBJECT MEETING. THEY DECIDED TO SUPPORT CUBA FOR CHAIRMAN AND TO APPOINT THREE SUB-COMMITTEES, I.E., STATUTES, CHARTER AND PROGRAM, TO CONDUCT DETAILS OF COMMITTEE'S BUSINESS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT PURPOSE OF THIS DECISION, WHICH PROLONGED WORK OF COMMITTEE (EACH OF SUB-COMMITTEES MET AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE), WAS TO ASSURE THIRD WORLD LEADERSHIP AND REDUCE WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN INLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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## FLUENCE.

(B) AFTER OPENING SESSION, ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCEPT US, JAPAN, WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPEANS (11) CAUCUSED AND DECIDED UPON NUMBER OF OFFICERS, SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, AND WHO THEY SHOULD BE. (SEE REFTEL) WESTERN AND EASTERN GROUPS "WERE ALLOWED" TO NOMINATE THEIR THREE CANDIDATES (WEST-2; EAST-1) OF THE TOTAL OF 12 BU-

REAU MEMBERS. SLATE WAS PRESENTED WITH NO CONSULTATION WITH WESTERN GROUP. (HOW MUCH IF ANY CONSULTATION WAS MADE WITH EASTERN GROUP IS NOT KNOWN.)

- (C) US AND SEVERAL WESTERN DELEGATIONS INFORMED AFRICANS (SENEGAL, GHANA) AND LATIN AMERICANS (COLOMBIA) THAT SUCH PROCEDURE WAS NOT IN SPIRIT OF NAIROBI AND THAT ALTHOUGH THE WESTERN GROUP WOULD ACCEPT THEIR SLATE, WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE CONSULTED ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE AND PROCEDURE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.
- (D) ALTHOUGH THE CUBAN CHAIRMAN (RUIZ) RECEIVED COUNSEL FROM THE USSR, GDR AND ALGERIA AT FREQUENT INTERVALS, HE HANDLED THE CHAIR RESPONSIBLY. (FYI: RUIZ WAS RESIDING IN SAME HOTEL AS US DELEGATION. HE HAD ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND KNEW THE US WELL. HE MET US DELEGATION HALF WAY, LISTENED WELL AND TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO PLACE US ON THE WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT CHARTER.
- (E) NON-ALIGNED NATIONS TOOK MODERATE POSITION ON ALL ISSUES. ALGERIA AND SENEGAL LED THE GROUP. THEIR REQUESTS WERE REASONABLE AND THEY WORKED WELL WITH WESTERN GROUP REPRESENTATIVES TO FIND LANGUAGE FOR DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO ALL.
- (F) EASTERN BLOC WAS RELATIVELY QUIET, PERHAPS DUE TO FACT 1980 OLYMPICS WILL BE HELD IN MOSCOW. GDRS POSITION ON MOST ISSUES WAS SIMILAR TO US AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WESTERN EUROPE POSITION. FRG AND GDR DELEGATIONS SPOKE TO EACH OTHER REGULARLY THROUGHOUT MEETING.

- (G) WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF FRANCE WESTERN GROUP AND JAPAN WORKED WELL TOGETHER. FRANCE WORKED CLOSELY WITH SENEGAL AND ALGERIA ON COMPROMISE WORDING ON ITEM 9 (SPORTS COMPETITION) AND SELECTED ISSUES UNDER ITEMS 6 AND 7 (STATUTES). FRANCE'S BEHAVIOR WAS SIMILAR TO THAT EXHIBITED AT 19TH GC.
- 2. ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING AFTER FIRST MORNING WAS COL-LABORATIVE. PERMDEL EXPECTS THAT THIS POSTURE WILL CARRY THROUGH TO SECOND SESSION TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY 1978.
- 3. AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT CHARTER WILL MEET IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER 1977. PERMDEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT US DEVELOP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE FOR INCORPORATION INTO UNESCO WORKING DOCUMENT WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1 OCTOBER. PERMDEL FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT MCNEELY BE ON DELEGATION TO WORKING GROUP SESSION. HARTMAN

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